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BEGIN SUMMARY: TURKEY HAS BELATEDLY CIRCULATED ITS RESPONSE TO DPQ(74). RESPONSE, WHILE CITING INCREASING NATIONAL EFFORT, STRESSES THAT FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF MANY FORCE IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUES TO BE CONTINGENT ON EXTERNAL AID, WHICH IS DECREASING. THIS MESSAGE SUGGESTS A LOW KEY MISSION APPROACH DURING DRC MULTILATERAL REVIEW OF TURKISH FORCE PLANS. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON AND AMEMBASSY ANKARA'S COMMENTS AND SUGGESTED ADDITIONS TO OUR PROPOSED POSITION DURING MULTILATERAL REVIEW OF TURKISH PLANS BY OPENING OF BUSINESS NOVEMBER 22.  
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WE NOTE THAT NATO'S MULTINATIONAL DISCUSSION OF TURKISH FORCE PLANS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY TOUCH ON QUESTION OF EXTERNAL AID, TO WHICH US REMAINS PRINCIPAL CONTRIBUTOR. WE WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON GUIDANCE FOR USE IN THIS CONTEXT. END SUMMARY.

1. TURKEY HAS NOW BELATEDLY CIRCULATED ITS REPLY TO DPQ(74). INTERNATIONAL STAFF IS UNDERTAKING A CRASH PROJECT TO PREPARE TURKISH DRAFT COUNTRY CHAPTER, WHICH WILL SERVE AS BASIS FOR TRILATERAL REVIEW ON NOVEMBER 21 AND DRC MULTILATERAL REVIEW ON NOVEMBER 22 (TENTATIVE). IS HAS ALLOWED MISSION OFFICER TO REVIEW INFORMALLY TURKISH DRAFT COUNTRY CHAPTER, WHICH IS PLANS TO RELEASE ON NOVEMBER 19. DRAFT CHAPTER (PERTINENT SECTIONS OF WHICH WE WILL SEND TO WASHINGTON AND ANKARA) SUMMARIZES IN TABULAR FORM (TO THE EXTENT TURKEY REPORTED) PROGRESS OR LACK OF PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING INDIVIDUAL 1975-80 FORCE GOALS (DPC/D(74)5) AND FOLLOWS ESTABLISHED PATTERN OF INCLUDING DETAILED NARRATIVE STATUS OF BASIC ISSUES IN RELEVANT SERVICE SECTIONS. IS INTENDS TO CLARIFY SOME OF THE DETAILS DURING TRILATERAL SESSION.

2. BECAUSE OF IMMINENT IS RELEASE OF DRAFT CHAPTER, MISSION DOES NOT INTEND TO PREPARE ANALYTICAL MESSAGE (AS WE HAVE DONE FOR OTHER COUNTRIES) ON TURKISH FORCE PLANS AS PRESENTED IN DPQ(74).

3. MEMORANDUM SECTION OF REPLY STATES THAT ATTAINMENT OF FORCE CAPABILITIES ENABLING TURKEY TO MEET REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY NATO STRATEGY FOR SOUTHEASTERN FLANK IS BEYOND THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CAPABILITIES OF THE TURKISH ECONOMY; MEMORANDUM EMPHASIZES THAT EXTERNAL AID CONTINUES AS MAIN FUNDING SOURCE FOR EQUIPMENT MODERNIZATION PROGRAMS. MEMORANDUM FURTHER STRESSES THAT FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF MANY FORCE GOALS (OBVIOUSLY THOSE IDENTIFIED IN DPC/D(74)5 FOR IMPLEMENTATION THROUGH EXTERNAL AID) IS CONTINGENT ON FOREIGN AID, WHICH IS DECREASING. REPLY SITES IN SOME DETAIL GRADUAL REDUCTION IN EXTERNAL AID AND HIGHLIGHTS THAT DECLINE IN US AID NEGATIVELY AFFECTS TURKEY'S REALIZATION OF NATO GOALS. DRAFT CHAPTER REFERS TO PRECARIOUS POLITICAL POSITION OF U.S. AID TO TURKEY.

4. PROPOSED USNATO POSITION FOR MULTILATERAL REVIEW. USNATO AGAIN PLANS A LOW KEY APPROACH DURING NATO'S NOVEMBER 22 CONFIDENTIAL

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(TENTATIVE DATE) MULTILATERAL REVIEW OF TURKISH FORCE PLANS. WE PROPOSE TO:

A. WELCOME STATED TURKISH INTENTIONS TO IMPROVE MILITARY CAPABILITIES IN LIGHT OF UNSTABLE MILITARY AND POLITICAL CLIMATE IN MIDDLE EAST AREA AND TURKISH EFFORTS TO FUND NATIONALLY INCREASING NUMBER OF EQUIPMENT MODERNIZATION PROGRAMS.

B. SUPPORT ANTICIPATED IS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FORCE IMPROVEMENTS WITH MISSION GIVING SPECIAL EMPHASIS TO BASIC ISSUES IMPROVEMENTS, I.E. WAR RESERVES, ANTI-TANK, AND AIR DEFENSE.

5. TURKEY ACCORDED SPECIAL DISCTRIBUTION TABLES (SDTS) IN  
ITS REPLY TO DPQ(74) LIMITED DISTRIBUTION, THUS, PER REF B,  
WE HAVE REQUESTED A COPY OF TURKISH SDTS.  
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